

Child Care Information Data System (CCIDS)

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) initiative to implement a statewide automated child care computer system is underway. ODJFS is bringing new functionality to the old Child Care Information Data System (CCIDS) by streamlining the payment and eligibility processes for all families and providers participating in the subsidized child care program. Developments for the new CCIDS system will include the following components when the system is completed:

- A centralized payment system
- A system for determining eligibility and creating authorizations
- A system to electronically track attendance and calculate payments

This system will be phased in gradually, beginning on March 28, 2010, with centralized payments as the first component to be rolled out. The centralized payment component will allow payments to be issued directly from ODJFS by direct deposit, ***instead of from FCDJFS***, for provided services beginning on March 28, 2010.

Starting on May 1, all providers will be paid **monthly** until further notice through the state's accounting system. Once Franklin County goes live on the Electronic Time and Attendance module, payments can be converted to a biweekly schedule.

All providers are required to sign agreements with ODJFS rather than contracts with FCDJFS. Agreements must be completed on the Internet using the CCIDS provider portal. The provider portal is a Web application for child care providers to use in order to enter into a provider agreement with ODJFS and receive payment for providing child care to eligible children. The provider portal is available for use on Monday, March 8, 2010. ODJFS has communicated that the agreements with them will be effective March 28, 2010, or the date providers successfully enter their information into the portal, or the date ODJFS determines the payment system is able to make payments, whichever is later.

Additionally, since ODJFS will issue payments to providers **by direct deposit only**, all providers need to obtain a checking or savings account. **Providers in Franklin County should still send their child care invoices to FCDJFS for processing purposes until further notice.** Once the time and attendance portion of the system becomes available, providers will no longer need to send invoices to FCDJFS as this information will be uploaded to the state's system.

Again, the new CCIDS system will be implemented gradually, with as little interruption to providers as possible. Providers who have questions may contact ODJFS by e-mailing CCIDS_Help_Desk@jfs.ohio.gov. More information is also available by visiting <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CCIDS.stm>. Providers contacting FCDJFS should be directed to their certification specialist: Home providers – Donna Fahy at 614-233-2501; Center providers – Belinda Mahan at 462-5782.

